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Mr. David Giuffrida,  
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Dear Mr. Giuffrida,

Thank you for your letter concerning environmental hypersensitivity. I have recently become more aware of this syndrome through articles and letters detailing its effects.

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I can assure you that medical staff in the psychiatric hospitals are aware of this condition. A physical examination is completed on every patient in the hospital upon admittance to rule out organic causes for mental illness. Thank you for offering to share your copy of "Healthy Environments for Canadians"; I would be grateful if you would send it to me.

Once again, thank you for writing to share your concern.

Sincerely,

J. Howard Danson,  
Acting Director,  
Psychiatric Hospitals Branch

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